(घ) तथा (ङ) केन्द्रीय पूल से किया जाने वाला आबंटन खुले बाजार की उपलब्धता में पूरक का काम करता है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत सभी राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को खाद्यान्नों (गेहूं तथा चावल) का आबन्टन माह दर माह के आधार पर किया जाता है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत माह 94 में राज्यों को आबंटित किए जाने वाले अतिरिक्त गेहूं का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :

(मात्रा मीटरी टन में)

क्र० संख्या	राज्यों के नाम	अतिरिक्त आबंटन
1	बिहार	10,000
2	हिमाचल प्रदेश	1,000
3	कर्नाटक	5,000
4	उड़ीसा	5,000
5	तमिल नाडु	5,000
6	पश्चिम बंगाल	10,000
7	हरियाणा	8,000

(च) राज्य सरकारों के प्रयासों में सहयोग देने के उद्देश्य से यह सरकार एक केन्द्र क्षेत्रीय योजना—विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम, गेहूं, जिसमें गेहू का मिनीकिट प्रदर्शन कार्यक्रम शामिल है, क्रियान्वित कर रही है। इसके अलावा, गेहूं की उत्पादकता और उत्पादन में वृद्धि लाने के उद्देश्य से गेहूं को 1993-94 की फसल के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य में भी वृद्धि कर दी गयी है।

Network of Seed Banks By Farmers

1535. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have decided to establish a network of Seed Banks throughout the country in collaboration with Scientists to counter the threat of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) looming large on the third world so as to have a parallel system and their own seed certification system and exchange seeds with third world Ryots ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken so far by Government to sympathise with the farmers in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Ministry has not received any official information in this regard.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Market and Support Prices of Groundnut

1536. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) What is the market and support prices of ground-nut ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the ground-nut farmers are in severe crisis due to the steep fall in the market price of groundnuts; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to rescue the ground-nut farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The minimum support price for ground-in-shell of FAQ variety for 1993-94 season has been fixed at Rs. 800 per quintal. As per available information, the wholesale prices of groundnut-in-shell in 1993-94 have ruled between Rs. 930 and Rs. 1035 per quintal in Rajkot of Gujarat and between Rs. 735 and Rs. 875 per quintal in Vijayanagram centre of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir. The wholesale prices of groundnut-in-shell in 1993-94 (upto January, 1994) in major producing States of the country have, by and large, been ruling at higher levels than those ruled in 1992-93. These prices also remained at levels higher than